

# E-HAPPENINGS

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

April 2011

## NEWS AND EVENTS



### **Fall Registration Begins April 18**

Online registration for fall 2011 classes begins this month through the new myWNC online portal. Current students will retrieve their enrollment appointment notice by e-mail and can begin registering on Monday, April 18. Enrollment appointments are assigned based on the number of credits a student has earned, so students with more credits will have opportunity to register sooner than those with fewer credits. New students may begin registering, Monday, April 25. Training sessions are available to help students learn about the new system. For a list of student training dates, [www.wnc.edu/mywnc/](http://www.wnc.edu/mywnc/)

### **Native American Students Club Hosts 'Leadership' Event**

WNC's newly formed Indigenous Native American Students club host its first event Saturday, April 30, 10:30 a.m., in Sarah Winnemucca Hall on the Carson City campus. Tribe members from across WNC's service area have been invited to attend the event to learn more about the college and the programs that we offer. D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas, an Odawa Indian and an acclaimed motivational storyteller and leadership expert, is the featured speaker. Information: 445-3241.



### **Construction Student and WNC Advisor Receive Regents' Awards**



Two members of the WNC community have been honored by the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents. Construction Management student Curtiss Elliott has received the 2011 Regents' Scholar Award for his academic achievement, leadership ability and service contributions. Director of Counseling Services Deborah Case has been named Nevada's Academic Advisor of the Year. She was nominated by her colleagues, as well as by students.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-04-07a.php>

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-04-07b.php>

## ***Board of Regents Awards Honorary Degrees***

The Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents is recognizing several community members for their generosity and service to Western Nevada College. The board will award honorary associate degrees to Michael Thomas and to Locke and Betty Ray Lesch.

Thomas is the president of the Western Nevada Astronomical Society and volunteers to help host and lecture at the Jack C. Davis Observatory Star Parties each Saturday evening. He also serves on the observatory's Board of Governors.

Locke and Betty Ray Lesch have supported WNC's nursing program through generous donations for five years. Their donations have enabled the nursing department to purchase innovative simulation equipment to enhance instruction, and have provided scholarship funds for nursing and education students. They established the Lesch Nursing Scholarship Endowment in 2007.

Each of these individuals has been instrumental in providing WNC students a high quality education, and their support is greatly appreciated.

## ***Orchard & Berry Workshop Set for Smith Valley***



WNC's Specialty Crop Institute presents a "Commercial Orchard and Berry Production for the Small Farm" workshop, Friday, May 6, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. at Smith Valley High School. Cost is \$35 if registered by April 28, or \$45 after April 28. Lunch is included, and seating is limited. Participants will learn about commercial orchard and berry production, including marketing and production risks. Industry experts will discuss best varieties to grow

in Northern Nevada, site selection, planting, pruning, drip irrigation and more. Local farmers will share their successes and challenges in production and sales. Contact Ann Louhela: 775-351-2551 or [louhelaa@wnc.edu](mailto:louhelaa@wnc.edu). <http://www.wnc.edu/ce/sci/>

## **COLLEGE CORNER**

### ***Students March on Legislature to Advocate for Higher Education***

Hundreds of WNC students spent the first day of their spring break at work – trying to help save their college. The students gathered at Carson Mall on Monday, March 21, picked up signs, T-shirts and buttons, and marched to the State Legislature and Capitol in an effort to advocate against massive cuts to higher education. The group carried signs and joined hundreds of other Nevada students on the capitol lawn, making their voices heard to Nevada legislators. Visit



[www.wnc.edu/facebook/](http://www.wnc.edu/facebook/) for additional event photos. Read more about the impact the budget cuts have on WNC: <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-04-07c.php>





### ***College Receives National Recognition***

The National Council for Marketing and Public Relations has awarded WNC's Information and Marketing Services a national first place Paragon Award for its new radio advertisement, "Put a Sock in It!" The ad takes a lighthearted approach to telling adult students they can succeed in college. It has aired on selected local radio stations prior to the start of the fall and spring semesters.

The Paragon Award recognizes outstanding achievement in communications at community and technical colleges and is the only national award of its kind that exclusively honors excellence among marketing and PR professionals at two-year colleges.

### ***Graduation Gowns Now Available at WNC Bookstores***

With graduation around the corner, the WNC bookstores have caps and gowns available for rent. The complete set of cap, gown and tassel costs \$29.99. Faculty members who need to rent their gowns for the ceremony are asked to contact the bookstore as soon as possible to place an order. Commencement ceremonies are on Monday, May 23, in Carson City at 11 am, outdoors at the Pony Express Pavilion in Mills Park; and on Tuesday, May 24, 7 pm, in Fallon at the Barkley Theater in the Oats Park Arts Center.

### ***Still Time to RSVP for Student Awards Banquet***

Outstanding students at WNC will be honored Saturday, April 16, at the annual Awards & Appreciation Banquet sponsored by the Associated Students of Western Nevada College. Any faculty/staff who wish to attend and extend their congratulations to our students may still RSVP until Wednesday, April 13. Cost is \$20 and includes a buffet dinner at the Carson City Nugget. The students will also announce the Carson/Douglas and Fallon/Rural Centers Teacher of the Year awards. For information/reservation: 445-3323. <http://www.wnc.edu/clubs/aswn/>



## **IN THE ARTS**

### ***"Oklahoma!" to Take the Stage***

Audiences just "cain't say no" to the American classic musical "Oklahoma!" Rodgers and Hammerstein's ground-breaking show, Oklahoma!, was a box office smash when it opened in 1943 and has captivated the heart of America ever since. The Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company brings the production to the Carson City Community Center weekends, May 6-15. For information and tickets:

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-04-08a.php>

### ***Student Exhibit Showing at Carson City Campus Galleries***

Diverse works by WNC art students are on display at Carson City campus galleries in the Bristlecone Building through May 6. The annual student exhibit showcases a wide variety of works by students who enrolled in art classes this school year. Oil and watercolor painting, along with photography, printmaking, and many other genres are on display. A public reception is Wednesday, April 20, 4:30-6:30 p.m.



### ***WNC Fallon to Open Student Art Exhibit***

The annual student art exhibit at WNC Fallon campus will open Saturday, April 30, through Friday, May 13. A community reception and barbeque will be on April 30, 1-3 p.m. Art students who attend at the Fallon campus will exhibit their works in a variety of media – painting, drawing, life drawing, ceramics, graphic design, digital media, photography, printmaking, portraiture, mixed media 2D, mixed media 3D, mosaic, and watercolor.

### ***Art Exhibits Continue at Douglas Campus***

Artwork displays continue at WNC Douglas this spring. This month, a combination of digital and hand-crafted art includes photography by artist Wendell Jenness and the students of instructor Douglas Dill, and watercolor paintings by instructor Janice Shedd and her students. On tap for May is a potpourri of artistic mediums in an exhibit presented by the Carson Valley Art Association.

### ***WNC Yerington Hosts Art Exhibit***

The works of WNC pottery and watercolor students continues to show through Friday, April 29, at the Yerington Center in the Dini Cultural Center, 120 N. California St. The exhibit features a variety of original art from the classes of instructors Rod McMullen and Sandy England.

## **ATHLETICS**

### ***WNC Baseball Vies for First Place in SWAC***

The Wildcats enjoyed the top spot in the Scenic West Athletic Conference for a few weeks before falling to Salt Lake Community College in three of four games, April 1-2. SLCC now sits in first place in the SWAC and in the National Junior College Athletic Association rankings, but the Wildcats' 17-3 conference record puts them in good standing for a strong race to the finish. They return to John L. Harvey field April 15 for four weekends on their home turf.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-04-04a.php>



### ***Season "Starts Anew" for Wildcats***



After a weekend sweep of the WNC softball team by the No. 3 ranked Salt Lake Community College Bruins, one might think that spirits on the WNC bench would be low. Au contraire. Coach Leah Wentworth said her team has improved immensely since being dominated by the Scenic West Conference leaders in February's season opener. Halfway through the season, the Wildcats are now playing competitively against every team they play, and actually led the Bruins several times during the four-game stand. "We never stopped fighting," Wentworth said. "We had opportunities up until

the last inning in the second game." WNC heads to Rangely, Colorado, this weekend to face Colorado Northwestern Community College.



## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturdays, 6:30 p.m.:** Free 'Star' Parties (Lectures begin at 7:30 p.m.), Jack C. Davis Observatory, WNC Carson City

**Monday-Tuesday, April 11-12:** Easter Book Fair at WNC Carson City – Bristlecone Building main lounge. Sponsored by WNC Classified Employee Council.

**Wednesday, April 27, 4-8 pm:** Nevada State Legislature softball game, John L. Harvey Field, WNC Carson City. Free admission

**Friday, April 29, 10 am- 3 pm:** Share our Strength's Great American Bake Sale, Child Development Center, WNC Carson City. Funds raised will help feed hungry kids across the country.

**Sunday, May 22, 3 pm:** WNC Associate Degree Nursing Pinning Ceremony, Carson City Nugget, second floor

**Monday, May 23, 11 am:** Carson City Commencement, Pony Express Pavilion, Mills Park, 1111 East William St., Highway 50 East

**Tuesday, May 24, 7 pm:** Fallon Commencement, Barkley Theater at Oats Park Art Center, 151 Park Street